

REMARKS

1. 35 USC § 102(e) The Examiner has rejected Claim 15 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Holtzman.

Responsive thereto, Applicant has canceled Claim 15. Such cancellation is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to seek protection of a similar scope to that of Claim 15 at a later time.

2. The Examiner rejected Claims 16-19 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mallicoat in view of Tang *et al.*

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's discussion of the cited documents, but disagrees with the application of these references to the claimed invention.

Claims 16-19 are described in connection with "a plurality of contact microswitches..." Where in either reference are such microswitches to be found? Mallicoat discloses an optical coding system that uses an scanned beam to read markings on an eraser and thereby determine position. Tang shows a pushbutton switch 25 (Fig. 1b) that can disable the eraser when it is pushed by a user. Neither document teaches or suggests Applicant's "plurality of contact microswitches."

Further, neither references teaches or suggests the use of such microswitches to indicate contact with a presentation board, such that "when substantially an entirety of said eraser surface contacts the presentation board, substantially of said

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microswitches are activated." Applicant would very much appreciate it if the Examiner would indicate where and how the references, either alone or in combination, suggest the claimed arrangement to one skilled in the art.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the basic distinction between the claimed invention and the art of record is such that the invention as claimed is not obvious to one skilled in the art. At the most basic level, there is nothing in the art of record that teaches or suggests a "plurality of contact microswitches." Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the application to pass to issuance as a United States patent.

Should the Examiner deem further discussion of the subject patent application helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Glenn, at (650) 851-7138.

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